2390.P3187CR FEB. 0 6 2003 5 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent of Examiner: Nguyen, Q. Albert Fazio Serial No.: 10/080,958 Art Unit: February 21, 2002 Filing Date: A FLASH MEMORY DEVICE OF CAPABLE OF For: SENSING A THRESHOLD VOLTAGE OF MEMORY CELLS ON A PAGE MODE OF

> **OPERATION** Reissue Patent Application of:

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Filing Date: April 21, 1998

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed on December 13, 2002 rejects claims 17 and 18 based upon a defective reissue oath/declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251. The Applicant respectfully submits a Supplemental Reissue Oath and Declaration to overcome Examiner's rejection.

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MPEP §1212 (II) states that is it sufficient for the reissue oath/declaration to identify a single word, phrase or expression in the specification or in an original claim to comply with requirements of identification of the error. The Applicant identifies in the Supplemental Oath and Declaration a phrase "a plurality of voltages" included in the original claim 17 and a phrase "means coupled to the storing means for determining the data stored in the storing means by sensing the adjustable threshold voltage" limitation in the original claim 18.

The Applicant submits that the rejection has been addressed and all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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